



NORTHEAST SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORY REPORT

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Northeastern States Sheep and Goat Inventory 2019 Summary:

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Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2018 and 2019

State	All sheep and lambs			Total breeding		Total market	
	2018	2019	2019 as percent of 2018	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
New England ¹	49.0	48.0	98	40.0	40.0	9.0	8.0
New York	85.0	80.0	94	71.0	67.0	14.0	13.0
Pennsylvania	96.0	95.0	99	78.0	77.0	18.0	18.0
United States	5,265.0	5,230.0	99	3,865.0	3,820.0	1,400.0	1,410.0

¹New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Breeding Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2018 and 2019

State	Breeding sheep				Replacement lambs		Total breeding sheep and lambs	
	Ewes		Rams					
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
New England ¹	30.0	30.0	2.0	3.0	8.0	7.0	40.0	40.0
New York	55.0	51.0	3.0	3.0	13.0	13.0	71.0	67.0
Pennsylvania	60.0	60.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	12.0	78.0	77.0
United States	3,033.0	3,000.0	170.0	170.0	662.0	650.0	3,865.0	3,820.0

¹ New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Lamb Crop – Northeastern States and United States: 2017 and 2018

State	Ewes 1 year and older January 1		Lambs per 100 ewes January 1		Lamb crop ¹		
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2018 as percent of 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(number)	(number)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
New England ²	27.0	30.0	122	117	33.0	35.0	106
New York	51.0	55.0	114	104	58.0	57.0	98
Pennsylvania	59.0	60.0	114	110	67.0	66.0	99
United States	3,058.0	3,033.0	106	107	3,230.0	3,235.0	100

¹ Lamb crop is defined as lambs born in the Eastern States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

² New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Market Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Weight Group – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2018

State	Market lambs					Market sheep	Total market sheep and lambs
	Under 65 pounds	65 - 84 pounds	85 - 105 pounds	Over 105 pounds	Total		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
New England ¹	2.2	1.4	1.0	1.4	6.0	3.0	9.0
New York	4.0	5.0	2.0	1.0	12.0	2.0	14.0
Pennsylvania	7.0	4.0	2.0	1.0	14.0	4.0	18.0
United States	346.0	206.0	293.0	475.0	1,320.0	80.0	1,400.0

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Market Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Weight Group – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2019

State	Market lambs					Market sheep	Total market sheep and lambs
	Under 65 pounds	65 - 84 pounds	85 - 105 pounds	Over 105 pounds	Total		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
New England ¹	2.0	1.4	1.6	1.0	6.0	2.0	8.0
New York	3.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	11.0	2.0	13.0
Pennsylvania	8.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	14.0	4.0	18.0
United States	358.0	205.0	290.0	475.0	1,328.0	82.0	1,410.0

¹ New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Sheep and Lamb Farm Slaughter and Death Loss – Northeastern States and United States: 2017 and 2018

State	Farm slaughter ¹		Deaths			
			Sheep		Lambs	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
New England ²	2.0	2.2	1.4	2.0	3.0	2.6
New York	2.3	2.1	3.0	4.0	7.0	6.0
Pennsylvania	1.5	1.5	4.0	4.0	9.0	10.0
United States	96.1	92.2	213.0	216.0	367.0	388.0

¹ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

² New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Wool Production – Northeastern States and United States: 2017 and 2018

State	Sheep shorn		Weight per fleece		Production	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
New England ¹	31.0	27.0	6.8	6.7	210	180
New York	48.0	46.0	6.3	5.9	300	270
Pennsylvania	47.0	46.0	6.7	6.7	315	310
United States	3,435.0	3,372.0	7.2	7.2	24,810	24,400

¹ New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Wool Price and Value – Northeastern States and United States: 2017 and 2018

[United States value may not add due to rounding]

State	Price per pound		Value ¹	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
New England ²	0.90	0.85	189	153
New York	0.90	0.90	270	243
Pennsylvania	0.60	0.60	189	186
United States	1.48	1.75	36,774	42,772

¹ Production multiplied by marketing year average price. United States value is the summation of State values.

² New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Milk Goat Inventory – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2018 and 2019

State	2018	2019	2019 as percent of 2018
	(head)	(head)	(percent)
New England ¹	17,000	19,000	112
New York	13,000	12,000	92
Pennsylvania	15,000	15,000	100
United States	420,000	430,000	102

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Meat and Other Goat Inventory – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2018 and 2019

State	2018	2019	2019 as percent of 2018
	(head)	(head)	(percent)
New York	16,000	17,000	106
Pennsylvania	38,000	38,000	100
United States	2,075,000	2,055,000	99

U.S. Sheep and Goat Summary

January 1 Sheep and Lambs Inventory Down 1 Percent

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2019 totaled 5.23 million head, down 1 percent from 2018. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.82 million head on January 1, 2019, decreased 1 percent from 3.87 million head on January 1, 2018. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.00 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2019 totaled 1.41 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2018. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The 2018 lamb crop of 3.24 million head was up slightly from 2017. The 2018 lambing rate was 107 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2018, up 1 percent from 2017.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2018 was 24.4 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2017. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.37 million head, down 2 percent from 2017. The average price paid for wool sold in 2018 was \$1.75 per pound for a total value of 42.8 million dollars, up 16 percent from 36.8 million dollars in 2017.

Sheep death loss during 2018 totaled 216 thousand head, up 1 percent from 2017. Lamb death loss increased 6 percent from 367 thousand head to 388 thousand head in 2018.

January 1 All Goats and Kids Inventory Down 1 Percent

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2019 totaled 2.62 million head, down 1 percent from 2018. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.15 million head, down 1 percent from 2018. Does one year old and older, at 1.60 million head, were 1 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 474 thousand head, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Kid crop for 2018 totaled 1.64 million head for all goats, up slightly from 2017.

Meat and all other goats totaled 2.06 million head on January 1, 2019, down 1 percent from 2018. Milk goat inventory was 430 thousand head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2018, while Angora goats were down 5 percent, totaling 137 thousand head.

Mohair production in the United States during 2018 was 755 thousand pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 133 thousand head. Average weight per clip was 5.7 pounds. Mohair price was \$5.25 per pound with a value of 3.96 million dollars.

Sheep and Goats Revisions

All sheep and goats inventory and lamb and kid crop estimates for January 1, 2018, were reviewed using official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. A revision of less than 1 percent was made to goats and kids inventory and kid crop at the United States level. A revision of less than 1 percent was made to sheep and lambs inventory and lamb crop. State level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory estimates to the United States total.

*For the complete "Sheep and Goats" report, go to
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